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SHORT TERM INITIATIVES AND WINTEX/CIMEX 79

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(DTG 222349Z JUL 77); C. STATE 170785 (DTG 212148Z JUL 77);
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SUMMARY: AT ITS JULY 26 MEETING, THE DPC (1) REFERRED THE
MNC PROPOSALS ON THE SHORT TERM INITIATIVES TO CAPITALS
AND AGREED TO PROVIDE NATIONAL RESPONSES ON THEM BY
SEPTEMBER 16, 1977; AND (2) AGREED TO PLAY HILEX 8 AND
WINTEX/CIMEX 79 AS SCHEDULED. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG LUNS INTRODUCED AGENDA ITEM I, NATO DEFENSE PLANNING:
SHORT TERM INITIATIVES, BY REQUESTING THAT ALL PERMREPS
JOIN WITH HIM IN WELCOMING BOTH THE VERY POSITIVE AND PROMPT
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RESPONSE BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE'S VIEW THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES
WILL LEAD TO VISIBLE AND MEANINGFUL IMPROVEMENTS IN HIGH
PRIORITY AREAS. HE BELIEVED THAT, SINCE THE MNCS HAD
ALREADY BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH NATIONS, THE DPC COULD
CONFIDENTLY FORWARD THE EXCELLENT REPORT TO CAPITALS FOR
COMMENT. LUNS ENDED BY REQUESTING AGREEMENT TO HIS PROPOSAL

CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF PO-77-108. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MC (ZEINER-GUNDERSON) SAID THE MC VIEW WAS THAT THE MNC RECOMMENDATIONS OFFERED VISIBLE AND REASONABLY AFFORDABLE IMPROVEMENTS AND RESPONDED TO THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE DIRECTION BY DEFENSE MINISTERS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE TIMELINESS OF THE MNC PROPOSALS INDICATES WHAT THE MNCS ARE ABLE TO DO WHEN RESPONDING TO POLITICAL WILL AND DIRECTION.

2. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES CONCURRED IN THE COURSE OF ACTION LAID OUT IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE PO, AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE THOROUGH AND TIMELY WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES. OTHER DPC MEMBERS WHO SPOKE ECHOED THE US POSITION, INCLUDING THE PRAISE FOR THE WORK OF THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. KILLICK (UK) AND WYNAENDTS (NL DEFAD) EACH INDICATED THAT, DUE TO INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, HIS GOVERNMENT MAY FIND IT HARD TO RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 16, BUT EACH ASSURED LUNS THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO MEET THE DEADLINE.

3. KIRCA (TU) PROVIDED THE ONLY SOUR NOTE. HE POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH TURKEY COULD AGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL IN PARA 4 OF THE PO, THERE WERE CERTAIN POINTS WHICH TURKISH AUTHORITIES WANTED TO MAKE CLEAR: (1) TURKEY UNDERSTOOD THAT A METHOD WOULD BE SPECIFIED BY THE DPC FOR ALLOWING NATIONS OUTSIDE THE INTEGRATED FORCE STRUCTURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK ON SHORT TERM INITIATIVES, BUT THE SYG HAS NOT INFORMED

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THE DPC OF THE RESULTS OF HIS CONSULTATIONS NOR HAS THE DPC

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TAKEN A POSITION; (2) TURKEY INSISTS THAT TURKISH SECURITY INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS CANNOT BE CIRCULATED, WITHOUT TURKEY'S PRIOR CONCENT, TO NATIONS OUTSIDE THE INTEGRATED FORCE STRUCTURE, WHICH INCLUDES AVAILABILITY TO THEIR CITIZENS ASSIGNED TO INTEGRATED HEADQUARTERS ORGANIZATIONS; (3) TURKEY CONSIDERS THE RECOMMENDATION ON PAGE C-6 OF MCM 51-77, CONCERNING US ASSISTANCE TO GREECE, AS "NOT EXISTING", AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED IN FOLLOW-UP WORK ON THE SHORT TERM INITIATIVES. LUNS SUMMARIZED THE RECENT HISTORY OF GREEK PARTICIPATION IN NATO, RECOGNIZED THAT PRESENT GREEK PARTICIPATION IS A HYBRID SITUATION, AND CAUTIONED THAT BECAUSE GREECE WAS NOT REPRESENTED IN THE DPC IT SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN GREECE DOES NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK ON THE INITIATIVES. HE ASKED KIRCA IF HIS GOVERNMENT COULD WAIT UNTIL SEPTEMBER WHEN HE HOPED TO COMPLETE HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH GREEK AUTHORITIES. KIRCA SAID THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER A FORMAL REQUEST BY GREECE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK ON THE SHORT TERM INITIATIVES. KILLICK (SPEAKING PERSONALLY) SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE DPC MUST TAKE NOTE OF THE TURKISH OBJEC-

TIONS, THE DPC MUST RETAIN SOME FLEXIBILITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WORK ON THE SHORT TERM INITIATIVES PROGRESSES. CATALANO (IT) CONCURRED WITH KILLICK. LUNS CONCLUDED THE DISCUSSION BY INDICATING THAT THE DPC WOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE TURKISH CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BEING COMMUNICATED TO GREECE. LUNS ALSO SAID THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MC WOULD ALSO NOTE THE STATEMENT.

4. UNDER AGENDA ITEM II, THE DPC DISCUSSED HILEX 8 AND WINTEX/CIMEX 79. SYG LUNS SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THE DPC

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WAS NOW PREPARED TO APPROVE DPC PARTICIPATION IN AND SPONSORSHIP BY THE SYG OF WINTEX/CIMEX 79. IN NOTING THAT ALL APPROVED, THE SYG COMMENTED THAT THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISES COMMITTEE WILL BE TASKED TO PREPARE A DETAILED PROPOSAL ON DPC PARTICIPATION FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION BY THE DPC. WITH RESPECT TO HILEX 8, SYG LUNS REMINDED THE DPC THAT IT HAD ALREADY APPROVED THE PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS FOR HILEX 8 (PO-76-135) AND NOTED THAT -- "IN THE ABSENCE OF A CONSENSUS FOR ABANDONING HILEX 8, WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE PLANNING AND COME BACK TO THE DATE LATER." THE AMBASSADOR, CATALANO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, BOSS (FRG CHARGE), AND KILLICK ALL INTERVENED IN FAVOR OF HOLDING HILEX AS SCHEDULED IN MARCH. SVART (DE) AND HARDY (CA) BOTH COMMENTED THAT -- WHILE THEIR AUTHORITIES WOULD

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PREFER THAT HILEX 8 BE CANCELLED -- THEY WOULD GO ALONG WITH A CONSENSUS TO HOLD THE EXERCISE AND, WHATEVER THE DECISION, IT SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY TO INCLUDE THE QUESTION OF TIMING. SYG LUNS, YIELDING GROUND GRUDGINGLY, CLOSED THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCUSSION BY SAYING THAT "HOLDING HILEX 8 IN MARCH CAN BE CONSIDERED AGREED BUT THE DPC MAY WISH TO REOPEN THE QUESTION OF TIMING LATER" IF A CONFLICT SEEMS TO BE DEVELOPING WITH RESPECT TO TIMELY COMPLETION OF THE WORK ON THE LONG TERM DEFENSE INITIATIVES PROGRAM.

5. UNDER AGENDA ITEM III, ANY OTHER BUSINESS, KILLICK THANKED THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR TIMELY COMMENTS ON UK PLANNED DEFENSE EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS AND NOTED THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE FOR A TRIP TO LONDON BY A SMALL GROUP TO BE HEADED BY ASYG FOR DEFENSE PLANS AND POLICY MUMFORD (REF D). HARDY ALSO FORMALLY INFORMED THE DPC OF THE 4,700 MAN INCREASE IN CANADIAN FORCES, NOTING THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST QUANTITATIVE INCREASE IN CANADIAN FORCES IN MANY YEARS. BENNETT

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